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Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Monticello Site

AGENCY: Department of Energy.
ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Board Committee Meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Monticello Site.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, June 18, 1996
 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Monticello City Office, 17 North 1st East, Monticello, Utah 84535.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Audrey Berry, Public Affairs Specialist, Department of Energy Grand Junction Projects Office, P.O. Box 2567, Grand Junction, CO, 81502 (303) 248-7727.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board

The purpose of the Board is to advise DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

Updates on repository progress and reports from subcommittees on local training and hiring, health and safety, and future land use.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Audrey Berry's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments.

Minutes

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Audrey Berry, Department of Energy Grand Junction Projects Office, P.O. Box 2567, Grand Junction, CO 81502, or by calling her at (303) 248-7727.

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Bonneville Power Administration

Bonneville Power Administration/ Lower Valley Power and Light; Transmission System Reinforcement Project

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: Lower Valley Power and Light (LVPL) buys electricity from BPA and sells it to the homes and businesses of the Jackson and Afton, Wyoming, areas. Since the mid-1980s, LVPL's electrical load has been growing by an average of 4-5 megawatts per year and continued growth is expected. LVPL's customers use the greatest amount of electricity in the winter when temperatures are low and heating needs are high. By 2001, during the winter season, an outage of one of the BPA or LVPL transmission lines that serves these areas could cause voltage to dip below acceptable levels in the Jackson area and to a lesser extent in the Afton area. Low voltage levels can cause brown-outs or, under certain conditions, a black-out. Without electricity, homes and businesses are left without heat and lights. These conditions can be dangerous to residents and businesses in winter. The transmission system that serves the Afton and Jackson, Wyoming, areas needs to be reinforced by 2001 to maintain voltage stability. BPA and LVPL propose to maintain voltage stability by building an additional 115-kilovolt line from BPA's Swan Valley Substation in Swan Valley, Idaho, to Teton Substation in Jackson, Wyoming.

Potential Federal cooperating agencies include the U.S. Department of Interior—Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture—Targhee and Bridger-Teton National Forests. In accordance with National Environmental Policy Act requirements, BPA and the cooperating agencies will prepare an EIS on this proposal to inform decisionmakers about potential environmental effects of the proposal. In addition, LVPL will take an active role in providing information to BPA, the cooperating agencies, and identified publics.

DATES: Interested and affected publics such as landowners, special interest groups, local and State governments, Tribes, utilities, and community groups are invited to help BPA and the cooperating agencies identify alternatives, environmental resources, and issues to be addressed in the draft EIS. A packet of information to explain the proposal, the environmental process, and how to participate will be sent to interested or potentially affected publics at the beginning of the scoping period. Four BPA-sponsored scoping meetings will be held in May or June in Idaho Falls, Swan Valley, and Victor or Driggs, Idaho; and Jackson, Wyoming. Meetings will be open-house style and project material will be available for public review. BPA, the cooperating agencies, and LVPL staff will answer questions and BPA will accept verbal and written comments. The time and place of scoping meetings will be announced in the packet of information being sent to interested publics and in local newspapers. Written comments should be sent to the Public Involvement Manager at the address below. Close of the comment period will be announced in the information packet and at the public meetings.

BPA, in conjunction with the cooperating agencies, plans to file and distribute a draft EIS for public review in the spring of 1997. BPA, the cooperating agencies, and LVPL will hold public meetings in local communities to give the public an opportunity to review and comment on the draft EIS.

ADDRESSES: BPA invites participation, comments, and suggestions on the proposed scope of the draft EIS. Send comment letters, requests to be placed on the project mail list, and requests for more information to the Public Involvement Manager, Bonneville Power Administration—CKP, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, Oregon, 97212, or call 503-230-3478, toll-free 1-800-622-4519, or fax 503-230-3984. Comments